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Job Of Our Superspy Agency

That Allen W. Dulles, director of the Central Intelligence Agency, would retire almost any time was expected because of his age—68—and health problems usually attendant with age.

His successor, John A. McCone, 59, a successful industrialist who has had experience in government, as under-secretary of the Air Force during World War II and as chairman of the Atomic Energy Commission, is a man somewhat in the pattern of Dulles—quiet, efficient, studious and capable of objective assessment.

Dulles served his country with distinction, and undoubtedly will stand by for consultation because of the great knowledge of world affairs he has gained over the years as a diplomat, OSS agent and head of the CIA, our super-secret spy organization.

In taking over from Dulles, McCone accepts perhaps the most complicated, most secret and in many ways the strangest job in our government. The CIA, an outgrowth of the OSS established during World War II, is charged with keeping the President informed on such things as international military strength and movements of arms, industrial production of countries that do not want it known, political intrigue around the world, underground movements, personal feuds in high places—a multiplicity of things that

have to be pieced together to produce a picture that makes sense.

Into the CIA pour thousands of reports and rumors that must be checked, evaluated and explored. A continuing, day-by-day assessment must be made of situations in various parts of the world and that assessment passed on to the President, who, in turn, may pass it on to departments interested.

Obviously it takes men of experience, judgment and knowledge to piece together all this material and make objective reports. Dulles is such a man, and experience would indicate that McCone is too.

It is unfortunate that we need a "superspy agency," but the Communists, with worldwide intrigue a part of their set policy, have forced it upon us. It is imperative we know what is going on in all parts of the world, how strings are being manipulated and how power is being used—or planned to be used.

It is a place for men of cool objectivity, dealing with world situations that blow hot and cold, largely at the direction of the Kremlin. This nation is fortunate in having men the caliber of Dulles and McCone to take on such jobs that demand constant study, patience and secrecy with very little reward except the satisfaction of knowing that it is necessary for the survival of our democratic way of life.